News-item captioned "Liberal Medical Gadget Imports needed"

818. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned 'Liberal Medical Gadget Imports needed which appeared in the Times of India of the 14th September, 1986; and

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking to allow imports of such gadgets?

THE MINISTER OR COMMERCE (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The policy for import of medical equipments is already liberal. Hospitals recognised by the Central or a State Government, can import machinery, equipment and in instruments (excluding office machines) under Open General Licence, as per policy. In addition, Hopsitals or medical Institutions or Registered Medical Practioners can import medical instrumments, apparatus and appliances, for their own use, under OGL, subject to specified value limits. Further, certain specified Life Saving Equipments can be imported under OGL, by all persons.

Imports under OGL are subject to prescribed conditions

Amount spent on Promotion of Tourism

819. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Department of Tourism is spending huge amounts on promotion of tourism in the country during the past few months;

(b) if so, what is the amount spent by them on account of advertisements in newspapers for this purpose during the last three months;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Department is making audio-visuals/short films for promotion of tourism in India and abroad; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUFTI MOHD. SAYEED): (a) The Min. of Tourism in order to reinforce national integration has launched a vigorous domestic tourism campaign and is spending substantial amounts on publicity campaigns in English and regional language journals/newspapers.

(b) On advertisement in newspapers/periodicals the Ministry has spent Rs. 32.22 lakhs during the last 3 months.

(c) The Min. of Tourism has produced several short films and audio-visuals on tourist destinations in India. These are supplied to offices in India and abroad for promotional purposes.

(d) A statement is attached.

Statement

List of Audio Visual Films produced by the Department of Tourism

Name of film/Audio Visual

1. KHAJURAHO
2. POOVANAM
3. WE (GENERAL FILM ON INDIA)
4. GLIMPSES OF EASTERN INDIA
5. GLIMPSES OF WESTERN INDIA
6. GLIMPSES OF CENTRAL INDIA
7. GLIMPSES OF RURAL INDIA
8. HIGH ABOVE THE DUST—A FILM ON ISLAMIC ARCHITECTURE
9. WOVEN DREAMS—A COSTUMES OF INDIA
10 KASHMIR—A DREAM IN WINTER
11. DESTINATION DELHI
12. DESTINATION BOMBAY
13. DESTINATION CALCUTTA
14. DESTINATION MADRAS
15. DESTINATION INDIA (THROUGH ITDC)
16. SUN-SURF—SAND—A FILM ON BEACH 'RESORTS OF INDIA
17. A LAND FOR ALL SEASONS—A GENERAL FILM ON INDIA'S TOURIST ATTRACTIONS (THROUGH ITDC)
18. DANCING FEET
19. RADHA KRISHNA
20. IN THE FOOT STEPS OF BUDDHA
21. INVITATION TO ENCHANMENT
22. CRAFTS OF INDIA
23. BOMBAY—THE GATEWAY OF INDIA
24. WELCOME TO INDIA
25. INDIA FOR YOU (THROUGH ITDC)
26 NATURE SYMPHONEY
27. SANCTUARY
28 AUM NAMAHA SHIVAYA
29 I LOVE INDIA
30 GATEWAY TO PLEASURE (THROUGH ITDC)
31 CATCH AN ELEPHANT
32. INDIA—A VENUE FOR CONVENTIONS
33. MUGHAL GARDENS
34. THIS IS INDIA
35. DESERT FESTIVAL —JAISALMER
36. FORTS OF RAJASTHAN
37. ORISSA A LAND OF UNFORGETTABLE MEMORIES
38. GLORY OF HAMPI
39. BHARAT YATRA (AV)
40. GOA (AV)
41 SHOPPING (AV)